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For: ✓Abrasion Resistant And  
Drapeable Nonwoven  
Fabric

AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed January 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

In The Claims

Please amend the following claims:

12. (Twice Amended) A durable nonwoven fabric, comprising:
- a precursor web comprising polyester fibers;
  - said precursor web being imaged and patterned by hydroentanglement on a three-dimensional image transfer device to form a nonwoven fabric;
  - said nonwoven fabric receiving a substantially uniform, saturation application of a pre-dye finish followed by a curing step, said finish being formulated and applied in a sufficient quantity to enhance abrasion resistance properties of said nonwoven fabric;
  - dyeing of said nonwoven fabric;
  - the resulting nonwoven fabric exhibiting a final basis weight of between about 2.0 ounces and 6.0ounces, a Martindale Abrasion Value of at least 50,000 cycles, a combined